

**NOTICE:**

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**Click It or Ticket campaign increases Alabama seat belt usage rate**

The recent Click It or Ticket seat belt campaign boosted seat belt use in Alabama to 77 percent. The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) joined the first-ever region-wide enforcement blitz that involved every law enforcement agency in Alabama in an effort to crack down on drivers who violated adult seat belt or child passenger safety laws.

From May 21 through June 3, Alabama law enforcement agencies joined thousands of officers throughout the region to step up enforcement as part of Click It or Ticket—an aggressive, high-visibility effort to save lives. People who were not buckled up, or whose young children were not in child safety seats received tick, etc.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration experts predict that, by maintaining the current 77 percent usage rate for one year, Alabama can save 68 lives, prevent 772 injuries and see an economic savings of \$76,478,801.

This campaign was successful because we had full participation from all Alabama law enforcement agencies," said Colonel James Alexander, director of the Alabama Department of Public Safety. "I would also like to commend the citizens of Alabama for their willingness to comply with the law and help save lives."

Click It or Ticket was a partnership between Governor Don Siegelman, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, the Alabama Department of Public Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The Click It or Ticket regional blitz included Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

**GIVE HONOR TO WHOM HONORS DO**

Bishop Mar Hirron Ignatius Williams and Pastor Linda Williams.

We the family of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at Abundant Life would like to take this time to make known to all men and women that August 17th was declared by the mayor of the City of Elba to be Bishop Mar Hirron Ignatius Williams Day in the City of Elba.

On this day four years ago he was the first African American to be consecrated as a Bishop in full vestment in the State of Alabama....So in tribute to Bishop Hirron Williams:

**In Tribute.... Bishop Hirron Williams**

And who do men say that you are? Some call you "The Bishop." Others relate to you as "The Prophet." And many have even titled you "A Radical Preacher." But who do we say that you are? The Bishop and Father of this house, the one the God has divinely chosen to carry the genetic imprint and characteristics of A New Breed. One who has indelibly imprinted within our spirits and minds Kingdom principles, that will forever change the course of our destinies. Your teachings have liberated the captives, Rescued the perishing, Provided an oasis for those in desert place, And renewed solidarity, and singleness of vision among us as a people. Our spirits continually rejuvenate your precepts and examples that have been so vividly demonstrated within our midst. You've taught us to soar, to excel. To elevate our minds...think the unthinkable...Dream the impossible...To redefine our borders and challenge every obstacle! The sacrifices of your family, Pastor Linda and your children, are greatly appreciated. They have counted the cost, And yet persisted in unselfishly sharing you with the rest of the world. To the Williams' family - We Thank You!! And to those who are one of The Constitution of The New Abundant Life Ministries, The Commander in Chief, and the Captain of New Abundant Life Ministries, Inc. has announced that we are now moving at warp speed! We are pioneering new frontiers, And navigating a previously uncharted course! With precision we must execute his directives. There is no room for lethargy, slumber or sleep. In rank, file and order, we must assume our places. Embrace the vision, and seize the moment.

From:

The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at New Abundant Life, Family

WE INVITE you to come and share in the Bishop's 4th annual celebration, Friday and Saturday night, August 17-18 at 7:30 and ending Sunday morning with a Special Minister's Consecration.

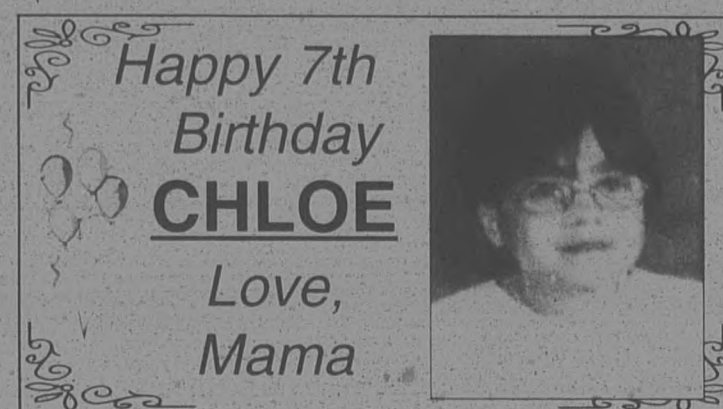
FRIDAY NIGHT SPEAKER - Pastor Tgm Reshard, Rivers of Life Ministries, Thomasville, Georgia

SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKER - Minister Joel Wade, Detroit, Michigan. He will be consecrated Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE - Bishop Hirron Williams and he will also be presiding over the consecration.



Elizabeth Strong of Elba recently was recognized as a recipient of The University of Alabama College of Human Environmental Sciences (HES) Stephanie Colbert Scholarship during Honors Day events at UA. Strong is shown with Dr. Judy Bonner, HES dean.



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**Commissioners here of water problems on county road**

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Coffee County Commissioners official meeting started at the announced 9:00 a.m. time Monday morning, but following an 8:00 "discussion time" gathering of the commissioners.

There is little discussion in most of these official meetings as the members apparently have each voiced their position in either a Wednesday planning session or at the 8:00 a.m. gathering.

The board did hear from Mr. Joseph Danley who is upset about water damage to his property. Mr. Danley said he had discussed this with commissioners and the engineer for several years but the problem still exists.

County Engineer Randy Tindell showed the commissioners a video of the area being discussed by Mr. Danley and gave each commissioner drawings of the watershed which drained across the road in question, County Road 212, a dirt road.

Tindell explained that the area is in the flood plain and the cost of doing what Mr. Danley was requesting would be very high.

The commissioners and the engineer agreed to try some less expensive modifications and see if that would help the problem.

The Coffee County Jail still has some water dripping through the roof, reportedly from the air conditioning system. Jail Supervisor Zack Andrews told the commission, Phil Rugg said they were working on the problem.

The county jail has about 106 inmates at this time, in a facility with a capacity of 126. About 25 of these are state prisoners.

The commissioners approved a pay raise for the Revenue Commissioner under a legislative bill passed by the Alabama Legislature. Commissioner Robert Stephens opposed the action, saying the long range impact on the taxpayers was too much. He noted that the legislative action would already give the same percentage raises to elected officials each year, as the commissioners raised county employees.

The commission voted to turn sales tax and the tobacco tax collection over to LGR, at a cost less than is being charged by the Alabama Department of Revenue.

Commissioner Stephens opposed this also, saying "It sounds wonderful, but a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, and we know the state is going to pay us."

County Administrator Wilson Mobley told commissioners that officials with the Farm Market

Authority of Alabama has been highly complimentary of Coffee County on administering the pilot program which furnished vegetables to elderly citizens. Coffee County operated the program more efficiently and with fewer problems than any of the others in the pilot program.

A committee was appointed to set prices on lots in the Industrial Park located on Highway #125, across from the Coffee County landfill, named to that committee are Jim Thompson, Robert Stephens and Doug Dyalynpe. Engineer Randy Tindell and Administrator Wilson Mobley will also serve on this committee.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks abstained from voting on the committee appointments.

Continuing complaints about county garbage pick-up was discussed by commissioners. A motion to deduct payments when the company failed to pick up garbage was discouraged by the county attorney and was tabled until the matter could be discussed with representatives of the contractor.

The commissioners met Tuesday afternoon to work on the budget for the coming year and to discuss redistricting of the commission districts. They will also meet with the garbage contractor on several problems.



ROBERT CANNON was recently presented a plaque of appreciation from the Elba Industrial Development Board for his many years of service. He has served continuously on the board since its original inception over 40 years ago. Pictured above are Elba Mayor James Grimes, Cannon and Industrial Board Chairman Eddie Kelley.

**Elba School Board continues to battle with proration of state funds**

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board members heard some good and some bad news last Thursday evening.

The bad news was continuing reports of proration of education funds from the State of Alabama.

Superintendent Danny Weeks told board members of recent reports out of Montgomery indicating a possible increase in the percentage of proration of state education funds for the balance of the fiscal year. Weeks said he expected to get the official word and amount of additional proration in the next few days.

The Elba school system could possibly complete the fiscal year (September 30) without additional borrowing from the bank if there is no additional state fund cuts. This is in spite of the fact the regular monthly state check was cut \$26,000 below the normal allotted funds.

Weeks explained that being able to pay salaries from capital funds and textbook funds make this feat a possibility. However, it could cause trouble in later years as repairs funded from the

Tremendous!!

Budget hearings for the coming year are set to begin on Monday, August 27th.

There will be a special Elba-Zion Chapel football game real soon in Miller Memorial Stadium Be there.

**Area Happenings**

**CENTENNIAL EDITION** The Elba High School journalism staff is desperately seeking photos from the early years of Elba High for a special centennial edition of the Elba Clipper. Anyone with candid pictures from 1902-1998 and would like to contribute needs to contact Julie Norris at the high school at 897-2122.

**PRESEASON FOOTBALL** The Elba Tigers and the Zion Chapel Rebels will meet Friday, Aug. 24, for a preseason football game at 7 p.m. at Miller Memorial Stadium in Elba. The game will be a fundraiser for both programs.

**COFFEE COUNTY BOE BUDGET HEARINGS** The Coffee County Board of Education will hold the first public hearing for the purpose of presenting the system-wide budget for FY2002 on Monday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m. The second public hearing will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30. Both public hearings will be held at the Board of Education Administrative office at 440 Reddick Hill Road, Elba. Parents, teachers and interested citizens may attend these budget hearings. Budget forms will be available at the superintendent's office prior to the hearing. On Aug. 30, the Board will hold a special meeting at 12:15 p.m. to approve the FY2002 Budget.

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING** The Elba City Council will hold a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday evening, August 20, 2001 to open bids on a new DARE automobile. The automobile bids are the only item scheduled to be discussed in this called city council meeting. Following this meeting, the council will adjourn and conduct an informal work session.



**LOCAL BUSINESS EXPANDS.** Several local officials and business people were on hand recently as the Elba Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the newest venture of Cash Brothers Leasing in Elba. The ribbon cutting ceremony introduced The Mobile Attic, a mobile storage unit which is produced and leased by the company. The locally owned firm plans to increase production and add employees over the next several months. Those present for the ceremony included (from left): Sam Cooper, Miss Elba Corey Holloway, Tommy Skinner, DeDe Carney, Ramona Grantham, Melinda Vaughan, Barry Giles, Jerrice Davis, Future Little Miss Elba Brinley Williams, Mary Cash, James Barnes, Russ Cash, Doris Matthews, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Sarah Corder, Pete Cash, Little Miss Elba Brooke Weks, Keith Marbut, Jane Cash, Junior Miss Elba Mary Katherine Head, Jim Chapman, Kaye Waitworth, Wayne Johnson and Herby McCall.

**Everett working to protect peanut growers in new federal farm bill**

by Congressman Terry Everett

The New Peanut Program Provisions Will Protect Peanut Growers Who Face Mounting Opposition in Washington and from Foreign Imports.

WASHINGTON — The House Agriculture Committee began mark-up of the new ten-year federal farm bill Thursday, agreeing on the specifics of the new peanut program title which protect growers and the peanut industry from Washington opponents and cheap foreign imports.

Enterprise, announced. Everett, chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture Programs (which oversees federal peanut policy), was instrumental in drafting the new peanut program language which was adopted today in committee.

"Forces are combining to bring about the end of the peanut program and we must respond to protect the growers and the industry," Everett said.

"The new peanut program language addresses the main concerns of the current program's growing bi-partisan political opposition in Washington while also protecting the growers from the rise in foreign peanut imports."

"Starting in 2004, the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) will allow unlimited access to peanuts and peanut butter from Mexico. In addition, similar access could be given to other Latin American countries through the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas agreement. We must have a peanut program that addresses this surge in cheap imported peanuts and does not attract continued political opposition in the House of Congress."

"Peanut producers, shellers and manufacturers alike have testified before my subcommittee this summer that the time to change the peanut program is now. Having all three segments of the industry together is a historic feat and demonstrates the need for this change to occur so that the domestic peanut industry can stay viable."

The new peanut title adopted in committee Thursday would phase out the current peanut quota system over five years, providing quota holders a 10 cent-a-pound buy-out for their quota peanuts over the five-year period. Furthermore, the program would be transformed into a market loan structure whereby the federal government guarantees growers a \$350-a-ton market loan payment, while setting the domestic peanut target price at \$480-a-ton. In addition, growers would receive a \$36-a-ton fixed decoupled payment.

"By gradually removing the political bull's eye from the peanut program, we are able to retain a program which can be profitable for growers and avoid further attack. The shift to a market loan program will also ensure that growers can make a profit in the face of rising foreign imports."

The new peanut title is part of the new ten-year Farm Bill which is expected to be cleared through the House Agriculture Committee by early next week.

**City Council reviewing 2000 census numbers before deciding on redistricting of the five city council districts**

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council members are reviewing the require-

ments to determine if Elba city council districts should be redistricted following the 2000 census reports. Federal laws require this periodic realigning if district population sizes vary over a predetermined percentage.

Council members plan to discuss this issue in an informal work session planned for Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. Also to be discussed is annual budget needs for the next fiscal year.

The council will also hold a short official meeting to open bids on a new DARE car. Mayor James Grimes said during the Monday night meeting that the only item to be discussed in this special called meeting is the DARE car purchase.

Council members were also given copies of a study on the cost and income from new sewer connections. The printed study shows the average labor and equipment cost when the sewer main is not in the street is \$91.64 per foot. When the line is under the pavement the cost goes higher. There is an additional cost when pipe fittings are used. PVC sewer pipe cost \$2.00 per foot and one frequently used fitting cost \$17.40 each. If it is necessary to bore under a state highway to reach the sewer main line, the cost could run into the thousands of dollars.

The city presently charges \$100.00 per sewer tap, regardless of complexity.


Also there is a deposit of \$55.00 required for each sewer tap. The sewer tap study recommends increasing this to \$30.00.

The council approved a resolution addressed to the Alabama State Mental Health Board officially endorsing the continued presence of the South Central Mental Health Board in Elba and Coffee County.


Monthly bills, totaling \$21,600.33 were approved for payment. They included \$2,061.39 for vehicle and equipment repairs; \$2,096.25 for chemicals; \$766.65 for asphalt mix and concrete; \$800.00 annual payment on senior Citizens Aide; and \$4,842.00 for annual flood insurance payment on city hall, police department building, fire department building and the Legion Field press box.

**FUND RAISING** The members of the Elba City Commission will be holding a fund raising event on Monday, August 20, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. at the Elba City Council meeting. The event will be a special called meeting. The fund raising event will be a special called meeting. The fund raising event will be a special called meeting.

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## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

A couple of weeks ago we wrote here about Hedly having some half oil that did wonders with keeping mosquitoes away. That was a far enough thing to say. It is the truth and we thought it was a harmless statement. However more than one wife commented with something like, "Us wives know a lot, if you men would only listen." Now our good, and we thought harmless, information has stirred up the women of the world and gotten us a few veiled threats for abandoning the good cause of manhood.

We can't solve the problems in the Middle East, nor in Ireland, but we wonder aloud how any of the folks involved in that continuous killing of their fellow humans can justify their actions. It amazes us to hear all sides claim that God is on their side. It's apparent none of the Christians are reading, and/or interpreting the Holy Bible the same way we do. Neither are the other religions getting the same message from their religious readings that we think they should be getting. Our concept of the core teachings of each of the religious groups involved is one of love and not kill, kill, kill. Even we might could accept the fighting and killing if all the folks with guns out there were shooting just at each other, but that is not the case. It appears that most of the deaths are simply people whose only sin was being at the wrong place at the right time and getting blasted away by a massive bomb. These bombs are placed by people who know full well that innocent people are going to be killed or crippled by their actions. Sometimes we think there must be some sort of thrill, or feeling of power, that comes with these barbaric acts.

You may notice that yours truly has three bylined meetings on the front page this week. We don't plan things that way, but with Editor Linda Hodge decked by some kind of so-far unknown allergic reaction, the real work has fallen on the ol' man with the gray hair. . . who hasn't had this sole responsibility for many years. In spite of the shock of having to work again, we are going to survive and you reading this is proof that we were successful in spite of the extra strain on the nerves and the brain.

There is a lot of excitement about the upcoming pre-season football game between the Elba Tigers and the Zion Chapel Rebels. Part of the excitement is simply because it is a game where a lot of people know players and supporters on both sides of the field. However a large part of it is in the minds of Elba supporters. It is the fact the game is being played in Miller Memorial Stadium on Feggy Bottom, so long worshipped by the home town faithful and dreaded by opponents far and wide.

### Coffee County Schools Menu Aug. 20 - 24, 2001

#### BREAKFAST

**Monday:** Waffles, Honey Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Tuesday:** Sausage & Gravy, Biscuits, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday:** Cornmeal, Biscuits, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Thursday:** Biscuits, Steak, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Friday:** Cheese Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

#### LUNCH

**Monday:** Chicken Filer Sandwich, Fish, Sausage, Steamed Broccoli, Cider, Hot Peppers, Fruit, Milk  
**Tuesday:** Cheese Pizza-Tuna Salad, Tossed Salad, Butterbeans, Fruit, Ice Cream, Crackers, Milk  
**Wednesday:** Taco Salad, Chicken Salad, Onion, Rings, English Peas, Fruit, Crackers, Milk  
**Thursday:** Baked Chicken, Corn Dogs, Green Beans, Creamed Potatoes, Rolls, Milk  
**Friday:** Steak Sandwiches, Ham Sandwiches, Tater Tots, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Milk

### ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of August 6, 2001 through August 12, 2001. They were: Lena Golden, Ellis Eddins, Lucie Johnson, Mary Crandell, Hazel Clark, Jessie Steakhouse, Amanda Moore, Sherry Chapman, Maude Grant, Charlotte Blackmon, Arnold Alleyne, Sheila Calloway, Misty Whaley, David Hudson, Mary Whatley, Louise Hollowell, Pat Beckworth, Martha Mauldin and Kristy Miles.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: James Vann, Vassie Ward, Annie Ellis, Hazel Clark, Zelle Johnson, Ellis Eddins, Jessie Steakhouse, Mary Crandell, Arnold Alleyne, Maude Moore, Lena Golden, Maude Grant, Charlotte Blackmon, Pat Beckworth, Martha Mauldin, Arnold Alleyne, Sheila Calloway, Misty Whaley, Mary Whatley and Kristy Miles.

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## EDITORIAL

### A trillion reasons to get competitive bids on state contracts

GUEST EDITORIAL by Senator Bill Armstrong

The time has long passed for the Siegelman administration to begin getting competitive bids on state contracts. The governor says he is for the competitive bid process. And he has told me that he supports legislation that I introduced in the last session of the legislature to require that all state contracts in excess of \$250,000 be bid competitively. But his actions speak louder than his words.

The Constitutional Amendment to require competitive bids was killed, not once but twice, in the Senate last session by one of Siegelman's floor leaders - Sen. Hank Sanders (D-Selma). I have to wonder if the governor was telling me one thing and Sen. Sanders something else.

I have asked Gov. Siegelman to call on the legislature to pass this Constitutional Amendment requiring competitive bids in the special session which is scheduled for later this month. The governor told me back in the spring that we needed to pass this legislation because "the public just doesn't have confidence in us in Montgomery anymore." The governor is right at that point and he should step forward and publicly call for its passage.

There have been numerous instances of the Siegelman administration signing contracts worth millions of dollars without getting competitive bids. Those receiving the state contracts have all had political friends ties to the Siegelman administration. The latest instance of a contract being awarded without competitive bid was revealed last week by the Birmingham News. Trillion, a Digital Communications company located in Bessemer, was paid

\$790,000 last year to inventory computer equipment in Alabama's public schools. Not only was this business not competitively bid, but some of Siegelman's political allies are involved in the deal, as has been the case in numerous other contracts. The lawyer for Trillion is state Sen. Roger Bedford (D-Russellville) who is chairman of the Senate Finance & Taxation Committee or the money committee.

Whoever gets this \$90 million contract, or any other contract with the state in excess of \$250,000, should have to bid for it with the lowest bidder getting the contract. There are at least a trillion reasons this should be done.

Sen. Bill Armstrong is the Republican Leader in the Alabama Senate and represents District 14 including Shelby.

The scary part of this whole scenario is that this \$790,000 was just the beginning of what was surely to be a sweetheart deal for Trillion. A larger \$90 million project was to have followed the inventory project to upgrade Internet access at public schools. Other contractors have been complaining loudly which, along with the Birmingham News report, might have bumped Trillion off the track for a while.

Another Siegelman buddy, Rick Dent, is a consultant to Trillion. Dent has helped in past Siegelman campaigns, but is most remembered for leading the failed campaign to get the people of Alabama to vote for a state-sponsored lottery.

Last week, the Birmingham News reported on the results of Trillion's report on the inventory of computer equipment in the state's public schools. It was disastrous. They said that it would have received a failing grade if it had received the same scrutiny that student's reports get in school.

Discrepancies in what Trillion found and what actually exists are significant. The report totally omits some schools and it leaves out equipment at other schools. Trillion claims that 431 Alabama schools use Windows 95 or Windows 97 software which doesn't even exist according to the Birmingham

News. Even when Trillion got the information correct, the News said that it counted the same thing so many different ways that the inventory is useless. Trillion officials blame their sloppy work on incomplete schools and the 120-day inventory schedule.

It is outrageous for the state to have paid \$790,000 (without competitive bid) to have this computer inventory conducted, but to have it done in such a way that the report is useless is pouring our tax money down a black hole. Now that the Birmingham News has brought this tainted effort to the public's attention, the governor says he'll try to get Trillion to correct the report.

Apparently, no one in Siegelman's office had even bothered reviewing what Trillion turned in last October. I suppose the report was collecting dust just as many other reports do that the government pays for.

Chilton & Bibb Counties. Sen. Armstrong's e-mail address is: senator@armstrongal.org and his web site is www.armstrongal.org. His weekly editorials are posted on his web site and e-mails are received via e-mail weekly if requested.

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### Highway repair work underway in area

The Alabama Department of Transportation has announced that Floyd Construction Company, Inc. has begun work on project no. ER-7100 (201). Coffee County. This work will consist of flood restoration at various sites located on the following routes: US 84, AL 192, AL 134 and AL 189. The work

is expected to be completed within 105 working days. The contractor has erected advance construction warning signs to advise the traveling public to the construction work zone. Motorists are urged to reduce speed and use caution when traveling through and around the equipment and workers.

An inquiry concerning this work should be directed to Mr. James T. Floyd, Project Superintendent, Tel. (334)566-6257; Mr. Mark J. Graham, District Engineer, Tel. (334)347-8166; or Mr. Franklin T. Bowers, Project Engineer, Tel. (334)393-4776.

### Free information on patient assistance programs available to citizens

For those millions of Americans without prescription drug coverage free information available from the Elba AL Patient Assistance Network may be able to help.

The Elba AL Patient Assistance Network helps people to apply for enrollment in one or more of the many patient assistance programs that have free and low cost prescription drugs available to qualified individuals. The organization, which is run by volunteers, also helps individuals who are with

out prescription drug coverage obtain a pharmacy discount card if their income is too high to qualify for free prescriptions. These discount programs typically save consumers fifteen to thirty percent on prescription drug costs.

"Many drug manufacturers have patient assistance programs that provide free or low cost medication for qualified individuals, but they rarely, if ever publicize the programs," says Paul Richard, a volunteer at the organizations headquarters

in Washington, DC. "President Bush recently said that he wants to encourage the elderly to acquire drug discount cards. This will allow anyone without prescription drug coverage to immediately get lower prices at pharmacies when purchasing prescription drugs."

Consumers can get free information about patient assistance programs and prescription drug discount cards by calling the organizations 24-hour hotline: 1-800-277-0472.

### Conservation Department works to help public understand and enjoy the outdoors

"I can't do that—I don't know how," we heard a youngster say, to which his mother replied, "Well, you won't learn any younger!" This response teaches a great lesson. No matter how young or old we are, no matter what experiences we've had, there is no time like the present to learn something new.

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources challenges everyone to learn something new—to attempt an unfamiliar task and see it through to completion. That's part of the premise of our STEP OUTSIDE programs. We've seen young children timidly taking hold of a fishing pole—and within minutes realizing that fishing is something that they COULD do. Young hunters take to the field for the first time under the guidance of experienced mentors who encourage and praise their efforts. Our volunteer instructors in the Becoming an Outdoors Woman workshop tell of women of all ages mustering the courage to try something foreign to their experiences and then of their pride in accomplishment.

Fall is right around the corner. The official 2001-2002 Hunting

and Fishing Digest is printed, and the license agents have their new books ready to sell hunting permits. Hunters' thoughts are turning to the woods, and preparing fields, to checking and upgrading their equipment, and to scouting their hunting lands. Let us add an item to that list—determine which friend or family member might go along on those hunts. Do you know anyone who has never been, but would come if you asked?

The schedule of classes for the next B.O.W. workshop, October 5-7—is now posted on our web site and available for those interested in Becoming an Outdoors Woman. Many of the activities challenge the women to reach out beyond their comfort zones, and the women respond with the same attitude that mother displayed. "Well, I can't learn any younger!" With amazement, they often look back on the B.O.W. weekend as a time when they overcame their fears and uncertainties to accomplish things that they never dreamed they would ever attempt.

The Wildlife and Enforcement Sections of the Wildlife and Freshwater

Fisheries Division are deep into planning a number of youth hunts. Young people who have reached their sixteenth birthday have the opportunity to participate in special deer hunts on Saturday before the opening of gun season on selected wildlife management areas. Each youth must be accompanied by a non-hunting, properly-licensed adult at least 25 years old, and they both must wear hunter orange. Youth turkey hunts are also offered on several WMAs on the Saturdays prior to the regular opening days.

Field distributed throughout Alabama will offer exclusive youth dove hunts on selected Saturdays afternoons beginning on the reopening day. These hunts are designed to maximize youth participation and to foster monitoring adults. A special youth waterfowl hunt is offered statewide.

Though these special hunts, we can pass our rich hunting heritage to the next generation. If you are interested in the youth or the Becoming an Outdoors Woman program, call 1-800-262-3151 for more information. Remember, we can't learn any younger.

### State Treasurer releases list of 14,000 unclaimed property owners

Lucy Baxley, State Treasurer, has released the latest list of names of owners of unclaimed property located during the period March through July 2001. She reports of over 14,000 new names as owners of over \$2 million and 13,386 shares of stock received during that time.

Currently there are over one million names on the Unclaimed Property database with new names being added as reports come in from various businesses and insurance companies. A person's name could have gone on this list as long ago as 1972 but even those people have already received payment of claims

should check for their names in this new addition.

For those individuals interested in checking out the newly listed names the State Treasurer's website at [www.treasury.state.al.us](http://www.treasury.state.al.us) displays those names in a separate category. Claims may be filed online by calling the Treasurer's Office and requesting a claim form.

"We are doing everything possible to see that Alabamians have easy access to information about these unclaimed funds," Treasurer Baxley said. In addition to providing the information on the website, she sends

list containing the names of all owners to the Probate Judges of each county. Citizens may check there for their names or they can contact the Treasurer's office at 1-888-844-8400 or 334-242-9614. "In spite of our best effort, the amount claimed continues to be only about one third of the amount received," said Baxley. It would be advisable for anyone to take advantage of this free service.

Lunch with the Doctor set for Elba Sr. Citizens Center on August 20th

Southeast Alabama Medical Center is sponsoring "Lunch with the Doctor" on Monday, August 20 at 12:00 noon at Elba Senior Citizen Center (200 Buford Street Elba, AL). The speaker will be James A. Hearn, M.D. Cardiologist at the Southeast Cardiology Center in Dothan, AL. The topic will be Heart Attack, Angioplasty and Survival. Reservations are required call the Medical Call Center at (334)712-3336 or 1-800-735-4998 and press 3.

Aviation Heritage group to meet on August 30th

The Wiregrass Chapter of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation (AAHF) will hold its monthly meeting, Thursday, August 30, 5:30 p.m. at The Fort Rucker Officers' Club. The Foundation is dedicated to maintaining, in flyable condition, examples of historic Army Aviation aircraft. The public is invited to attend this meeting and take part in the group. Additional information may be obtained by calling Vern Reynolds at 334-598-6561.

## Obituaries

### RICHARD L. "DICK" HAYES

Rev. Richard L. "Dick" Hayes, age 85, of 921 North Claxton Elba, AL, died Sunday at his residence in Elba, AL. Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of New Brockton on Aug. 14, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. Reverends Jack Driver and Shannon Driver officiated. Burial followed at the New Brockton City Cemetery in New Brockton, AL. Memorials may be made to the Good News Chapel Baptist Church in Rose Hill, AL.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice Hayes of Elba, two daughters, Kathy Bassett and son-in-law, Philip Bassett of Troy, AL; Dixie Dorsey and son-in-law, Pete Dorsey of Elba; two brothers, Max Hayes and James "Bud" Hayes, both of New Brockton; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Hayes of New Brockton, and Margaret Haire of Elba; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

### Methodist Church Monday

August 13, at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. Ben McKee officiating. Burial will follow in the New Brockton City Cemetery, Hayes Funeral Home directing. Visitation will be from 10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. Monday at the New Brockton Methodist Church.

Survivors include: Niece, Becky LeCompt of Tampa, FL; Niece, Cathy, Peterson of Tampa, FL; Nephew, Larry Bradshaw of Dothan, AL; Nephew, Rex Bradshaw of Elba, AL; Nephew, Joel Bradshaw of Atlanta, GA; and Nephew, David LeCompt of Tampa, FL.

### JOHN VICTOR LEGG

Mr. John Victor Legg, age 82, of 31270 Highway 87 Troy, AL, died Tuesday at his residence. Funeral services were from Hebron Baptist Church on August 15, 2001 at 2:00 P.M. with Rev. Rick Hayes officiating. Burial was in Hebron Church Cemetery, Jack, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Sipper Legg of Troy.

two daughters, Kathy McLeod and Brenda McDurmon of Troy, two sons-in-law, Richard McLeod and Ronnie Shiver of Brundridge, AL; two sons, Hayward Legg and John Legg, both of Jack, two daughters-in-law, Shirley Legg and Sharon Legg of Jack; 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren, four sisters, Vonnice Stricklin of Foley, AL; Louise Vessey of Brantley, AL; Eula Muehl of Troy, Bula Norris of Dothan, AL. He was preceded in death by a daughter Barbara Shiver, and two sisters, Vera Clark, and Missie McLeod. Mr. Legg was also preceded in death by his parents Walter Herbert Legg and Hennie Helms Legg.

**Pre-need funeral planning now available at Hayes Funeral Home for details Call 897-2225**

### Card of Thanks

The family of **ROBERT H. SENN, JR.** would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the acts of kindness and support shown during the loss of our husband and father. Robert would have been overwhelmed by the response from the residents of Elba and surrounding area. Sincerely, Frances T. Senn & Family

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# CHURCH & LIFESTYLES

## Revival Services will be held August 19-21 at Elba United Methodist Church

The Elba United Methodist Church will be in revival services Sunday August 19, Tuesday August 21, and Wednesday August 22, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 7:00 p.m. on

## A.M.E. churches plan Trustee Training

The Duties of Trustees in the A.M.E. Church, another training opportunity sponsored by the Ozark District Lay Organization, will be presented on Saturday, August 18, at 10:00 a.m. at the St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Sconiersville, AL. While this training will focus on the duties and responsibilities of trustees, it is for everyone who would like to know more about this office of the church. Everyone is invited to come and

## "Pure Heart" to be in concert at New Ebenezer Baptist Church August 25

Gospel Singing at New Ebenezer Baptist Church. "Pure Heart" will be in concert at New Ebenezer Baptist

## Damacas Baptist Church to hold revival services August 26-31

A revival will be held at Damacas Baptist Church (774 County Rd. 547 Elba) on August 26-31 at 7:00 p.m. nightly and Sunday 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. A nursery will be provided each night. The speaker will be Rev. Al Norris from Higher Ground Ministries. For more information call, 894-6382.

## Gospel Singing set for August 18 at Glenwood Assembly of God

Glenwood Assembly of God is having a Gospel Singing on Saturday, August 18 at 7 p.m. Featuring Bro. Steve Defee and the Davis family from Luverne. Everyone is invited to attend.

## ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2004



Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Sowell celebrate anniversary recently

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Sowell, Jr. celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary Tuesday, August 7, 2001. Gregory is the manager and director of Coleman Funeral Home and Coleman Sowell Memorial. Mary is the secretary. Gregory is also a fire fighter at the Elba Fire Dept. They are members of St. Beulah Baptist Church in Enterprise, Ala. Mr. and Mrs. Sowell have three children: Jessica, Solomon, and J. Quentin.

## Revival services planned for August 27-30 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Revival services will be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Mixon Cross Roads) Monday, August 27, Tuesday, August 28, Wednesday, August 29, and Thursday, August 30. Services to begin nightly at 7:00 p.m. Bro. J.C. Turner will be the guest speaker. There will be special music each night. Everyone is invited to attend.

## WORSHIP AT THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

Scripture: Psalm 147  
\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you. Gaynes C. Waters, Annie Daniels, Annie Belcher, Ernest Ellison, Kimberly Russell, Annie M. Balkum, Della Magwood, Collis Belcher, Della Belcher, Adam Dunlap and Kendyl Belcher.  
\*\*\*Choir Anniversary of the Piney Grove Baptist Church, pastor John Lawrence, Elba, Ala., August 19, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. Senior Class Officers: president—Alice Dozier, vice president—Cora Hines, secretary—Della Henderson, treasurer—Elba King Youth Choir Officers: vice president—Keisha Brannon, secretary—Kendra Edwards, treasurer—Johnathon Edwards. Male chorus officers: president—Robert Hightower, vice president—Clarence Hines, secretary—Nate Tillis, treasurer—Lavaughan Hines, pastor John Lawrence.  
\*\*\*Annual Homecoming of the City Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Sunday, August 19, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. Rev. David Boykin, pastor. Rev. A.R. Williams, guest minister pastor of Rocky Head M.B. Church Elba, Ala. and Shiloah Missionary Baptist Church in Brundidge, Ala. Theme: O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid. O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known in wrath remember mercy. (Habakkuk 3:2). The guest choir will render music.  
Deacons Ordination Service for Bro. James Campbell, Bro. Laymon Hornsby, Bro. Jerry Johnson and Bro. Ozie Tubbs; Sunday, August 26, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. (Mount Calvary Baptist Church County Rd 528 Elba, Ala.) Reverend Rubin McKinnon, pastor. Speaker, Dr. J.G. Hammond, Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Troy, Ala. and the moderator of the Mulberry Missionary Baptist Association; all churches are welcome.  
\*\*\*Annual Officers Day Program: Elba Zion Baptist Church in Elba, Ala.; Rev. Lovell Martin, pastor; August 19, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. Theme: Ushering God's People Into God's House. Scripture: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them

which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit." Romans 8:1. Sis. Michele Smith—Mistress of ceremony. Sermon—Rev. Darryl Caldwell, pastor, Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church.  
\*\*\*Benefit Program for Sis. Betty Stoudemire English Saturday, August 18, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. Southeast District Singing Building, Bethlehem Road (Co. Rd. 377) Elba, Ala. Rev. Johnny Lawrence, pastor. Theme: "Love Thy Neighbor". Master of Ceremonies: Minister Chuck Stoudemire. Devotion—Prayer Warriors. Scripture: Old Testament—Sis. Jackie Stoudemire, New Testament—Sis. Lacie Stoudemire. Welcome and Occasion—Minister Robert Edwards. Song and praise service, all soloists, choirs, and groups are welcome.  
Offering—Bro. M.C. Lawrence and Elder D.V. Lindsey, Words of Encouragement—Sis. Sue Henderson—Sis. Shirley Lane, Sis. Gloria Kyles—Sis. Bridget Hooks, Sis. Allison Hines, Usher—Sis. Nettie Lacey.  
\*\*\*Youth Activities Day—August 18, 2001, Legion Field (87 North Troy Hwy.) Elba, Ala. Youth Softball Tournament (chick teams only) No entry fee, ages 10-14, trophies will be awarded. Basketball (3 point shoot out 3 on 3 competitions). Adult volleyball games concessions will be awarded.  
For more information contact: Melvin Cross-897-3334, Calvin Carpenter-897-6313, Freddie Culver-897-8216, Willie Edwards-897-1475.  
Celebration Greater St. Matthew African Methodist Episcopal Church, Brantley, Ala.; Reverend William Chambers, pastor. August 26, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. Guest Minister: Reverend James Arnell, pastor of St. John's A.M.E. Church, Montgomery, Ala.  
\*\*\*Revival Services will be held August 27-31, 2001 at 7:30 p.m.—Evangelist: Reverend Karmie C. Smith pastor of St. John's A.M.E. Church in Birmingham, Ala. Today is a good day, be grateful!

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# LIFESTYLES

## Ryan Elisabeth Floyd celebrates 1st birthday



Ryan Elisabeth Floyd

Ryan Elisabeth Floyd celebrated her 1st birthday May 18 at her home in Millbrook, Ala. Her brothers, Drew and Sam, along with several cousins enjoyed the games, cake, and lots of other goodies.

Ryan is the daughter of Heather and Bob Floyd. Her grandparents are Pam Kerwin and Gary Harrison. Also attending the party were aunts, uncles, and four great-grandmothers. This included R.D. and Leslie Harrison of Elba.

## NEW ARRIVAL

OLIVIA KAY JONES

## Parker Reunion set for Saturday

The Parker Family Reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 18, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Farm Center in New Brockton.

The reunion will be for descendants and relatives of Parker. The reunion is for descendants and relatives of Parker. The reunion is for descendants and relatives of Parker.

Anyone related to any Parker by blood or marriage which is connected to the Basin Community is encouraged to attend, in the likelihood of being related to the family.

Attendees should bring a covered dish and/or a beverage, and everyone is asked to register at the door; door prizes will be given.

It is requested that members bring family history information and old pictures to be added to family genealogy and for exchange of information. A copy machine will be available.

"Come learn about your forefathers, who they were and where they came from, as well as get to know cousins and relatives you've never met," said a member of the Parker family.

About 100 relatives attended the reunion last year.



Olivia Kay Jones

Roland and Tonya Jones of Brantley announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Kay. Olivia was born on May 26, 2001 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan. She weighed 8 lbs. 11 ozs. and was 20 in. long.

Grandparents are Tommy and Kay Mathews and Roland and Jane Jones, all of Brantley. Great grandparents are Merle Green of Red Level, AL, Ruby Matthews of Brantley, AL and John and Mary Akin of Niceville, FL.

## Elba AARP to meet Tuesday, August 21

The Elba AARP Chapter will have their monthly covered dish meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. at the Elba Sr. Center.

A representative of the Coffee Co. Family Service Center will explain the services of this new agency and how it reaches out to families with many kinds of programs for all ages. They will discuss one of their programs, early detection of cancer and signs to look for and when to seek treatment.

If you are over 50, you are invited to come to monthly dinner meetings of the local AARP. Interesting programs are pre-



Mr. Jones & Mrs. Tidwell

## Jones-Tidwell wedding date set for Saturday, September 1

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Bess of Kinston and Mr. Noel Scofield of Phil Campbell are proud to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kimberly Nicole Scofield Jones to Christopher Lane Tidwell, son of Aaron and Kathy Tidwell of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mary Parrish and the late Curtis Parrish of Elba. She is also the granddaughter of Verla Scofield and the late Elbert Scofield of Wintergreen, Fla. She is a 1993 graduate of Kinston High School and is currently employed in Enterprise.

The wedding will be held on September 1, 2001 at Piney Grove Baptist Church on Hwy 87 in Samson at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall. All friends and family are invited to attend.

## NEW ARRIVAL

MAKAYLA DANIELLE POLK



Makayla Danielle Polk

Bryan and Shanna Polk of Elba announce the birth of their daughter, Makayla Danielle Polk. She was born on June 23, 2001 at Enterprise Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs. and 9 ozs. and was 19 inches long.

She is the granddaughter of Diane Lindhom of Opp and G. Michael Lindhom of West Palm Beach, Florida and also the granddaughter of Lucien and Gail Polk of Elba. She is the great-granddaughter of Bailey Dubose of Opp.

Republican Women to meet on August 22

Republican Women of Coffee County will be meeting at Pop Folks Restaurant, 650 Bell Weevil Circle on Wednesday, August 22nd at 11:30 a.m. for their luncheon meeting. US Congressman Terry Everett will be speaking. The menu will be Chicken Tenders, Baked Potato, Tossed Salad, Bread Stick and Drink for \$7.00 inclusive. The public is invited. For reservations call Joan Ayer at 347-1856.

## Tew-McCart wedding set for Saturday, September 22

Mr. and Mrs. George M. (Buddy) Bowers, Jr., of Elba announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Le'Shea Tew, to Lewis Michael McCart, son of the late Mr. Lewis Mac McCart of Elba, and the late Mrs. Vivian McCart of Opp.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Akridge of Ozark, Mrs. Florence Tew, and the late Mrs. Mrs. Tew, Sr. of Brundidge, and the late Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers, Sr., of Elba.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Mrs. Beatrice Grimes and the late Mr. Leroy Grimes of Opp, and Mrs. Lillian McCart and the late Mr. Doc McCart of Elba.

Mrs. Tew is a 1999 graduate of Troy State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. She is employed with Alltel Communications in Enterprise, Alabama as a Sales and Service Representative.

Mr. McCart is a 1993 graduate of Auburn University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Education. He is employed with Farmers Favorite Fertilizer as a Sales Representative in Evergreen, Alabama.

The marriage will take place September 22, 2001 at Ino Baptist Church, Kinston, Alabama at 6 o'clock in the evening. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.



Miss Tew and Mr. McCart

## Miss McFarland honored with miscellaneous bridal shower

Moseley's Studio was the setting for a bridal shower honoring Miss Christy McFarland on August 6, 2001, bride to be of Mr. Michael Waddell. Guest entering the building were greeted by Miss Valerie Moore and Mrs. Beverly Tindell. These ladies were seated at a table covered by a wonderful antique lace tablecloth brought from England by Linda Smith's mother, Mrs. James Thomas. After the toast registered with a feather pen, they were directed to the receiving line. Mrs. Janie Allen, mother of the groom was first. Next to her was Miss McFarland the bride to be. Then came Sheila McFarland, mother of the bride followed by the bride's charming grandmother, Mrs. Velita McFarland. After the receiving line, hostesses were waiting to direct the guests to several tables covered in white lace and Battenburg table cloths. Here a variety of gifts given by friends and family of the young couple were displayed. Mrs. Linda Smith, covered the refreshment counter with three white army navy tablecloths arranged over floor length white table skirts. Crystal, silver and flowers complemented the beautiful tablecloths. Many people came to meet Miss McFarland, and help celebrate the upcoming wedding.



Pictured seated: Miss Christy McFarland-honoree; standing left to right: Mrs. Myrtle Marler, Mrs. Janie Allen, Mrs. Sheila McFarland and Mrs. Velita McFarland.

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<b>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>INO BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Cory Winstead, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Rev. Stephen Dubose, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.	<b>MELBERRY ITS CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> R. B. Williams, Minister Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
<b>KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> John Freeman, Pastor Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m.	<b>MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION</b> Mary Seavey Sunday Morn. Service 10:30 a.m. Even. Service 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.	<b>NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.</b> Hiron & Linda Williams, Minister Sunday 10 & 11 a.m. Sunday 7:00 p.m. Wed. 7:30 p.m. Fri. Even.	<b>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST</b> Lorell Martin, Minister Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Nicholas Nelson participates in People to People Student Ambassador program

**Editor's Note:** Nicholas Nelson of Elba and Roy King of Zion Chapel each participated in the People to People Student Ambassador program over the summer. The boys, along with other students across Alabama, traveled overseas for three weeks visiting sites in England, Ireland and Wales. Each has written a separate article presented below which focuses on highlights from his trip.

My three-week adventure overseas was an experience I will remember for the rest of my life. Each day was filled with new adventures and sights.

Even though I had started planning for this trip back in November 2000, reality did not set in until the day I stepped aboard the bus in Dothan, Alabama on June 5, 2001 headed for Atlanta.

In Atlanta I boarded a Delta 777 in route to London/Gatwick. The flight took about 9 hours.

When we landed in London on June 6, we met our coach driver and were taken to Hampton Court Palace. This

was the beautiful and historic home of King Henry VIII. The palace has all kinds of architecture, which includes Tudor and English Baroque. I got to explore the many gardens and went through the famous living maze. After I left the palace I went to the hotel to prepare for the next exciting day.

My next day in London I got the chance to meet a Member of Parliament called the Tower of London, which was completed in 1097. The tower has been a palace, an armory, a mint, a zoo, a prison, and now houses the crown jewels. I met the Yeoman Warders, or "Beefeaters," who guard the tower and looked after the ravens. Legend has it that if the ravens leave the Tower, the Kingdom would fall. Later that evening I went to one of London's most popular musical performances called "Blood Brothers."

From London my fellow ambassadors and I moved on to

Cardiff, Wales. The first stop in Cardiff was at the brand new Millennium Stadium, is the current home for the FA Cup Final, which is Britain's annual soccer equivalent to our Superbowl. I visited the mysterious and prehistoric site of Stonehenge. This was huge slabs of stones transported by people, with the most basic tools, over many miles and then constructed into a monument. This incredible monument dates back to 3000 B.C. I also visited the beautiful city of Bath that has Britain's only natural hot spring.

After leaving Wales, we departed for the port of Fishguard, where we boarded a ferry for the crossing to Rosslare, then traveled by coach to Waterford, Ireland. The next day we went to Killarney, Ireland. The most exciting thing was visiting the Blarney Castle. There I took parting the kissing of the Blarney stone, which is said to give the one who kisses it the gift of gab. The next day I went for a horse-drawn jaunt, car ride through the mountain pass of the Gap of Dunloe. That evening we were entertained with Irish dancers, which we got to participate in. Our next stop was at the Bunratty Castle and the folk Park. There we saw a recreation of a complete village rural life in Ireland with shops and domestic architecture from a laborer's cottage to an elegant Georgian house. That evening I met my first homestay family, the Scullys. The next day we went to Dublin, the largest city in Ireland and also the capital. We got to see famous landmarks including St. Patrick's Cathedral, Phoenix Park, Statue-lined O'Connell Street and Trinity College, the



Nicholas Nelson with actors from the Hampton Court Palace.

oldest university in Ireland. I also got to experience the spooky tour known as the "Zomus Experience."

The next morning I got ready to travel again. At Dublin port we boarded a ferry and crossed to Holyhead in North Wales, then traveled by coach to Liverpool, England. We visited the Roman city of Chester and the village, which once boasted the world's longest name, Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogoch. That afternoon we visited "The Beatles Story," an attraction that told the story of the city's most famous sons: John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, and Ringo Starr and their rise to fame. The next morning we traveled to York, England and stop at the

Fountains Abbey and learned about the daily lives of the monks who built it. The next day we explored the York Minster, the largest Gothic Church north of the Alps and famous for its spectacular stained glass windows. We then traveled to Birmingham, England. Here we visited the Warwick, the most magnificent medieval castle in England. Inside the castle were dark and gloomy dungeons, gruesome torture chambers, and a splendid armory. We also visited Stratford, the birthplace of William Shakespeare.

For the next four days I stayed with my second homestay family, the Croxes in Clipperton, England. During this visit I got to visit their school, Boswood Park, and participated in all the

activities they did. They also taught me how to play cricket. From there we went to London. We boarded a boat for a cruise on the famous Thames River, where I got to see Big Ben, Parliamentary Square, and London Bridge. After the cruise we took a ride on the London eye, the largest Ferris wheel in Western Europe (413 feet). The next morning I packed up my suitcase for the last time and boarded the coach for the airport anticipating my nine-hour journey home.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who helped make my trip possible and also your prayers.

*Presented by: Nicholas Nelson, People to People Student Ambassador.*



Stonehenge was one of the many sites visited by the group.

### Roy King participates in People to People Student Ambassador program

My trip began as we assembled in our departure city for the flight to London.

Upon arriving in England, we met our People to People guide and coach driver. We then paid a visit to Windsor Castle, the oldest continuously inhabited royal residence in Britain which is also the primary residence of the Queen and her family. We took a boat ride up the Thames River and saw all of the buildings and monuments on its borders. Finally, we rode the Millennium Eye, the tallest Ferris wheel in the world.

The next day began with a briefing by a former Member of Parliament on the British Constitution; we learned about the respective roles of the House of Commons, the House of Lords and the Monarch. We took a visit of the Tower of London which was completed in 1097. It has been a palace, armory, mint, zoo, prison and now houses the Crown Jewels. We met the Yeoman Warders, or "Beefeaters," who guard the tower and look after the ravens. Legend has it that if the ravens ever leave the Tower, the Kingdom will fall. That night, we went to the theatre and watched Buddy, a show about the famous Buddy Holly.

Day 4, we left London for Birmingham. We visited the University City of Oxford. The name describes its position as a good spot for crossing the river (a ford or oven). England's oldest university was founded here in 1167. Our guide was a student who lived in the city. She told us about life in Oxford including some of the interesting traditions that are celebrated each year.

The next day, we visited Warwick Castle. William the Conqueror fortified this site overlooking the river Avon, in 1068. The dark and gloomy dungeon, gruesome torture chamber and

splendid armory really bring the middle ages to life. Next, we went to Stratford upon Avon, which is home to the famous playwright, William Shakespeare. We stopped at the house where he was born and saw an exhibit about his life and times. The tour of Stratford upon Avon ended as we visited the gravesite of Shakespeare.

We departed for York on Day 6. The streets and hidden alleys of York are like a maze. Our walk ended at York Minster, the largest Gothic Church north of the Alps. Established in 1220, York Minster is famous for its spectacular stained glass windows.

We stopped at Fountain Abbey on route to Liverpool as Day 7 began. Nestled in the valley of the River Skellard, the ruins of Fountain Abbey, founded in 1132 by the Benedictine Monks, it was taken over by Cistercian monks and was one of the wealthiest abbeys in Britain. We saw the water gardens and classical temples of the valley.

The next day, we stopped at "The Beatles Story," an award-winning attraction that tells the story of the city's most famous sons: John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr, and their meteoric rise to fame in the 1960s. Liverpool is the most important seaport on the West Coast of England and was the departure point for any emigrants to America, especially between 1830 and 1930. We spent about three hours at the Merseyside Maritime Museum whose "Emigrants to the New World" gallery recreates the conditions that they would have experienced.

We headed for Holyhead, Wales on Day 9 for our departure to Ireland. We stopped at the Roman City of Chester, toured the Chester Cathedral



A visit to the Tower Bridge was part of the trip itinerary.

and then made our departure. We boarded the Stena Line ferry for the crossing to Dublin port. We left the port for our homestay center where each of the families picked us up.

Day 10 found us touring Dublin, the largest and most cosmopolitan city in Ireland. We saw St. Patrick's Cathedral, Phoenix Park, and the statue-lined O'Connell Street. That afternoon we saw a unique and sometimes spooky tour known as the Zomus Experience.

The next day, we left Dublin for Robertstown, a small city on the border of the Great Canal. We took a boat ride up to the lock gate. When we arrived at

the port, we got off and headed for Lullymore, a small mineral island that rises gently out of the Bog of Allen. We got to see a unique and fascinating insight into the development of the Irish people over their 9,500-year history.

We said goodbye to our homestay families on Day 12 and headed to Bunratty Castle, one of Ireland's major attractions. It was built in the 15th century and sometimes spooky tour known as the Zomus Experience.

A trip to Ross Castle began the next day. Then we boarded the boats for a seven-mile boat

ride over the Lakes of Killarney. After lunch, we went on a seven mile horse-drawn jaunt car ride through the mountain pass of the Gap of Dunloe.

We stopped at Blarney Castle the next day and took part in a long lasting tradition of kissing the Blarney stone which is said to bestow the magical elocution for which the Irish are renowned. After kissing the Blarney stone, we left for the castle for Waterford. Waterford is famous because it was founded by the Vikings and for its crystal made at the Waterford Crystal Factory.

We began Day 15 early as we set off for Rosslare where we boarded our ferry back to Fishguard, Wales. The next day began with a visit of the beautiful city of Bath, which was originally settled by the Romans in the 1st Century to take advantage of Britain's only natural hot spring. Later in the evening we were picked up by our second homestay families.

Day 17 consisted of a full tour of Worcester where we saw the Severn River and the Worcester Cathedral. We boarded a train for Malvern Station. While in the community of Malvern, we saw the Malvern Hills. Our tour began this day with a stop at the famous Royal

Worcester Porcelain Factory. Afterwards, we watched a game of cricket. Then, we went to the Guild Hall of Worcester. This is famous for its docks and lock system.

We said goodbye to our homestay families on Day 20, and returned to London. When we arrived, we went straight to the Buckingham Palace to watch the changing of the guards. After dinner, we walked seven miles to Kensington Palace for a tour of the home of the late Princess Diana.

Our final day arrived, and we packed our suitcases and boarded the coach for the airport. We arrived home about 3:00 Atlanta time.

*Presented by: Roy King, People to People Student Ambassador.*



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### "Lunch with the Doctor" is being held at the Elba Senior Citizen Center August 20

Southeast Alabama Medical Center is sponsoring "Lunch with the Doctor" on Monday, August 20 at 12:00 noon at Elba Senior Citizen Center (2000 Buford Street Elba, AL). The speaker will be James A. Hearn, M.D. Cardiologist at the

Southeast Cardiology Center in Dothan, AL. The topic will be Heart Attack, Angioplasty and Survival. Reservations are required call the Medical Call Center at (334)712-3336 or 1-800-735-4998 and press 3.

### AAHF to hold monthly meeting, August 30

The Wiregrass Chapter of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation (AAHF) will hold its monthly meeting, Thursday, August 30, 5:30 p.m. at The Fort Rucker Officers Club. The Foundation is dedicated to maintaining, in flyable condition, examples of historic Army Aviation aircraft. Their main objective is educating the public about the contributions and accomplishments of Army Aviation.

The public is invited to attend this meeting and take part in the restoration, maintenance and active air show schedule in which the chapter will be participating in 2001. Volunteers, with or without aviation experience, are needed to meet a myriad of chapter needs.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Vern Reynolds at 334-598-6561.

### "Voice of Praise" to be in concert at Mustard Seed Church

Mustard Seed Church will have a gospel singing this Saturday evening, August 18, beginning at 7:00.

"Voice of Praise" will be the featured singing group. Everyone is invited to attend.



Henry Terry

### Elba Native receives degree from AUM

Henry Terry, an Elba native received the Educational Specialist Degree during the 2001 summer commencement exercises at Auburn University, Montgomery. Henry is a 1982 graduate of Elba High School. He is also a graduate of Alabama State University where he earned both the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Music Education Degrees. Henry is currently employed by the Montgomery County Board of Education where is a Choral Director at George Washington Carver High School and serves as Chairman of the Fine Arts Department. In addition, Terry serves as organist at First Baptist Church, Montgomery. Elba is proud of you, Mr. H. Howard Terry!

### ESJC's Community Band is open for fall semester membership

Musicians! Enterprise State Junior College's Community Band is open for fall semester membership. This unique opportunity provides recreation through musical participation for those who have a background in instrumental music. Members must furnish their own instruments. Through participation in Community Band members will gain in their knowledge of musical elements and in performance skills. There are no auditions for membership. There is a \$10.00 fee to take this course through Community Services, and it may be taken for one hour of college credit with regular tuition fees imposed. The registration deadline is September 4. The Band meets on Mondays, September 10-December 10 (excluding November 12), 6:00-8:00 p.m. For more information, call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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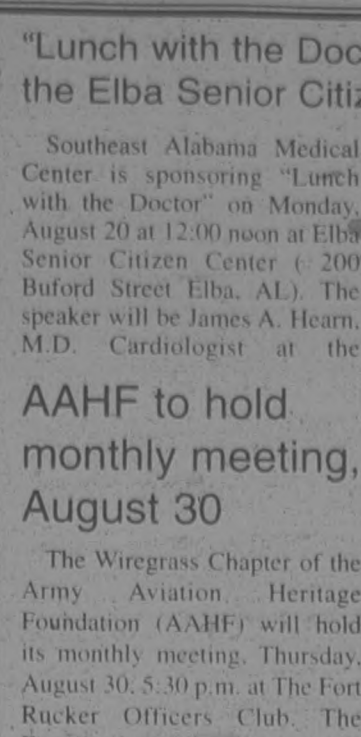
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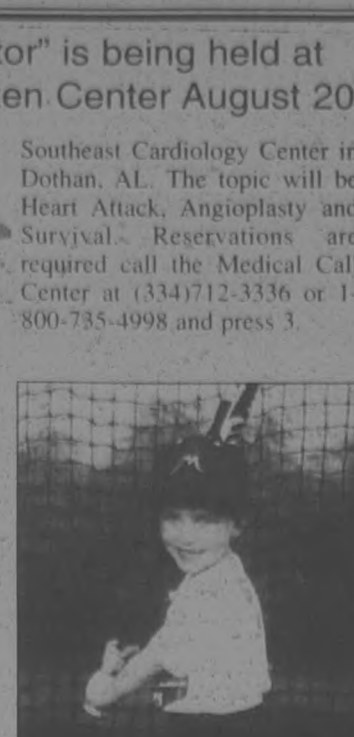
Sam Floyd.

### Sam Floyd voted most improved player in T-Ball

Sam Floyd played T-Ball for the Mets in Millbrook, Ala. He was voted most improved player of the year. Sam's parents are Heather and Bob Floyd. Great-grandparents, R.D. and Lessee Harrison, cheered him in the stands.

### Happy 11th Birthday, Chance! We Love You!!

Momma, Luke, Cody, Uncle John, MeeMaw, PeePaw, Aunt Jessica, Brennen, Emily, Aunt Kat, Murphy, Karlie, Aunt KK, Uncle Michael and Uncle Phil



### Coffee County Youth Leadership program deemed successful

A graduation ceremony and reception were held in April for members of the first graduating class of the Coffee County Youth Leadership Program. The event was held in the Community Room at the Coffee County Complex in New Brockton. Class members and their parents were introduced and welcomed.

Twenty-four students, from each school within the county, were selected for the initial class. Purpose of the organization is to prepare high school students to take active leadership roles in their homes, schools and communities.

The class met monthly and participated in sessions to promote leadership qualities as well as introduce them to various aspects of county and state government. Themes included agriculture, health care, the legal system, community history, and state government.

Comments about the program were made by the following participants:

Ben Bradley, Kinston High School - "CCYLP allowed me

to meet many new people and learn about roles and responsibilities of state and county officials."

Kendra Cole, New Brockton High School - "CCYLP helped me become more outgoing and more comfortable speaking in front of a group."

Wesley Kelley, Elba High School - "CCYLP enabled me to become more aware of what a vital role citizen participation plays in county and state government."

Jenna Donaldson, New Brockton - "CCYLP encouraged me to take leadership roles in my school and community. I also realized how important it is

to always strive to be an active and informed citizen."

Rebecca Lawrence, Enterprise - "CCYLP was an invaluable experience that helped me to better develop my leadership and communication skills, while at the same time allowed me access to a network of other leaders in and around the community. I also learned lessons in teambuilding, commitment and personal responsibility."

Information and applications have been distributed by counselors in local high schools for participation in the 2001-2002 class. Deadline to apply is Aug. 24.

### Happy 11th Birthday, Chance! We Love You!!

Momma, Luke, Cody, Uncle John, MeeMaw, PeePaw, Aunt Jessica, Brennen, Emily, Aunt Kat, Murphy, Karlie, Aunt KK, Uncle Michael and Uncle Phil



# SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I read the Elba High School student handbook the other night and nowhere in it did I find anything that stated all seventh grade girls must wear make-up. Melanie has grown in height over the summer and is almost as tall as her sister, but she is still only twelve-years-old, and the last thing I want is for her to be twelve going on sixteen. I realize that girls grow up and I know all about make-up. However, I for one don't believe that it takes make-up for a pretty little girl to remain a pretty little girl!

### ELBA TIGERS HARD AT WORK LOOKING TO REGAIN WINNING WAYS

The Elba Tigers had over thirty players report to preseason drills last week and from the looks of things from the sidelines, the 2001 Tigers will definitely not be the same bunch of Tigers that struggled to a 1-9 record a year ago. The Tigers still won't be the fastest team around, but they do have good quickness in the backfield, good size in the line, and plenty of players that have game experience. This year's team also appears to have another very important ingredient - leadership. The Tiger players don't have to wait for the coaches to get to work, the returning starters take charge from the time the team hits the field, and this bunch seems to have already grown into a team. If Elba can continue to work hard and improve, the Tigers might just be the surprise team in South Alabama in the 3A ranks.

### AREA FOOTBALL TEAMS ARE LOOKING FOR WINNING SEASONS IN 2001

With the opening kickoff for the 2001 high school football season only two short weeks away, all the teams in the area are looking for winning seasons. While hopes are always high prior to the season, this year the teams might actually have a real shot at grabbing more than their share of wins. Here's a look around.

\*\*\* **ZION CHAPEL** posted a 5-6 record last season and made a trip to the state playoffs, and despite the fact the Rebels were hit hard by graduation, this year's team is filled with some youngsters that Rebel fans have been waiting to see on the varsity for many, many years. The Rebels have very young talent, but a team that is filled with players that have done nothing but win ever since they could pull on the pads, and that winning attitude might just be enough to keep Zion Chapel near the top in the region standings.

\*\*\* **KINSTON** recorded a 4-6 state last season and missed the playoffs by only one game, a fact that this year's gang of Bulldogs doesn't have to be reminded of. Kinston will take the field this season with a weapon they haven't had in years' speed! The Bulldogs have several players with true breakaway speed, and with that threat always present, the Bulldogs could actually throw a scare into some of their opponents. I know that Kinston and winning football hasn't exactly gone hand in hand since the school started the program. However, with a little luck, this could very well be the year of the Bulldog in Coffee County.

\*\*\* **NEW BROCKTON** suffered through the pains of an 0-10 record last season, but the Gamecocks showed signs of life late in the season and then looked like a pretty good football team in the spring. You can bet nobody has to remind the Gamecocks of last season, and you can also bet that this group of Gamecocks are determined to win some football games, and to make the 2000 season only a bad memory. It may be true that the 2001 Gamecocks won't be the most talented team to hit the field over at New Brockton. However, this year's Gamecocks have worked hard with one goal in mind - to win football games. That goal will be reached early, and often.

\*\*\* **BRANTLEY** posted a 9-3 record last season and made a second-round exit from the state playoffs. While that might sound like a pretty good season to most high school teams, for the folks over in Brantley it was a season to forget. Don't look now, but the 2001 season will also be a struggle for the rebuilding Bulldogs, and this year's Dogs might have to over achieve to reach the nine win mark. Brantley's opening four games against J.F. Shields, Highland Home, G.W. Long and Southern Choctaw are as tough as any in the state, and if the Bulldogs survive, they could grow into a winning team. If not, it could very well be payback time for their victims of the past.

### DUSTING OFF THE DESK....

\*\*\* The area sports scene is in a little bit of a lull right now, and that has given me the chance to watch the Braves on the tube. I have thought all season that the Braves were past their prime and needed to reload, and over the course of the past four games (all losses), they have done nothing to change my mind. I have read that the new Braves owners are more interested in making money than winning any titles, and with the Braves being the only show around, they will always draw two or three million fans. Maybe the financial wizards at AOL/Time Warner will wake up one day and realize that the more wins the Braves get, the more money they all can make. If I had their address, the folks in charge would get some mail.

\*\*\* Football registration has ended here in Elba and now it's time for soccer registration to swing into action. The Elba Recreation Department began youth soccer last year and had a tremendous response, and this year there seems to be just as much interest, if not more. The soccer league will make the move to Hawkins-Williams Park this season and take over the softball fields, which should give the players and parents more room and better facilities. The city has the land to build a soccer complex and has tried for the past year to clear the land, but a lack of funds and a lack of anyone willing to buy the timber has resulted in the plans being put on the back burner. Don't worry, if the program continues to grow, it will have a home to call its own very soon.

\*\*\* While the upcoming high school football season is grabbing most of the headlines on the sports pages all across the state, thousands of girls are also busy at work every day getting ready for the beginning of volleyball season. Here at Elba, the Lady Tigers will be under the guidance of Coach Amelia Rhoades. Coach Rhoades led Kinston to a state championship a few years back and is one of the winningest volleyball coaches in the nation, and expectations are high that she will bring her winning ways to the Elba High volleyball court. I too am looking for bigger and better things from the Lady Tigers, but we all have to realize that winning programs are built through hard work, and nothing will come easy, no matter who the coach might be.

\*\*\* Tennis fans in Elba will be glad to hear that State Rep. Terry Spicer is hard at work trying to locate funds to resurface the four tennis courts at Hawkins-Williams Park. The price of the resurfacing project has been acquired, and Rep. Spicer feels certain that he can find the funds needed to make the courts some that everyone in Elba can be proud of. If you see Rep. Spicer pat him on the back and tell him how much you appreciate his interest, and tell him to hurry up.

Tell'em you read it in....

## "THE PRESSBOX"

By Ricky Mularz

### As season openers draw near

## Region alignments stay the same for 2001 season, area football teams hoping to post better results

The high school football season is right around the corner, and for the second straight season, teams all across the state will compete in a regional alignment that will send four teams from each region to the state playoffs.

Following is a look at the region set-up for the 2001 season.

**CLASS 3A, REGION 1**  
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# SPORTS

Let's Go...

## Outdoors with Ben

By Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



### Age Old Spoon Still Catches Fish

Legend has it that the spoon was invented when a fisherman who was eating his lunch dropped his spoon overboard only to see a big bass take a swipe at it as it fluttered slowly to the bottom. He went home and drilled holes in some spoons, put hooks on them, then took them back to the lake and caught fish on them.

Fishermen still catch fish on spoons, but most buy them instead of raiding the silverware drawer. Alton Jones, a pro angler with Skeeter/Yamaha offers these tips on fishing spoons to increase your catch.

The key to a spoon's success is the action it has on the fall. The Nemire, KastMaster, and Hopkins and other slab-type spoons all work well. These spoons flutter down when dropped, and they are fished the same way—drop the spoon down to the bottom, reel up a couple of times, then lift the spoon up by raising the rod. Let it flutter back down by lowering the rod at the same rate that the spoon falls.

Fishing a spoon over brush can result in frequent snags, but giving the line some slack will sometimes allow the spoon to fall free. Some anglers just yank on the line until the spoon comes loose. Jones, who is a MegaBucks Champion, recommends this as a last resort.

Largemouth, white bass, and crappie will all take a spoon. If you have to keep your boat away from the school, cast the spoon toward the fish then let it sink for a while before working it back to the boat. A little experimentation with the fall will tell you how long to wait before engaging the reel. You can also just watch what other anglers are doing and imitate them. When you locate a good concentration of fish, throw out a marker buoy to help you stay on them. If they're schooled up, you can catch a bunch out of just one "honey hole."

A spoon with a curved back and single hook is ideal for working cover. The metal weed guard really helps you get it through the thick stuff. You can cast it into thick cover, then reel it in until it reaches an open spot before stopping and letting it fall. It falls with a gentle rocking motion that looks like a diving shad drifting to the bottom, and any hungry bass hiding in the cover will grab it.

If you're using this technique, make sure you use some stout line and be prepared to take control of the fish right away. The first thing he'll do is take a dive right into the thickest part of the weed. Spoons are relatively inexpensive and come in a large selection of colors and weights. I have been fishing with the old red and white spoon for 40 years and know it works. Try adding a strip of frog or white pork rind for a trailer.

## Conservation Comments

By Riley Boykin Smith, Commissioner

"If you build it, they will come." That may have been true for the field of dreams, but that couldn't have been said in Elba. It was true for them. At least that is the result we've seen from the popularity of our STEP OUTSIDE community fishing programs, youth hunting activities and other related events.

The participation of first-time hunters and anglers has been enthusiastic. The satisfaction gained by their parents, friends and other mentors also has created new enthusiasm for these outdoor pursuits. But the most encouraging response we've experienced is in the number of volunteers stepping forward to offer their help for these events.

So much of what we do depends on this wonderful cooperative spirit that causes individuals, businesses, community leaders and landowners to offer their generous support to activities that reduce newcomers to traditional outdoor activities. After each of these events, we receive positive comments about the activities, and offers of help with future events.

Since its first program in Alabama, the "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" weekend workshops have been staffed by numerous volunteers with expertise to share with the participants. Many return session after session, not only to teach, but also to share their expertise and enthusiasm of their students.

Conservation Department employees work many hours planning and presenting these events, but they give of their own time, too. They realize the benefits of meeting and working side-by-side with people in their districts who support the department's efforts in their own communities.

That spirit of Cooperation carries over into many other programs. There are many of us who share the same concerns for our natural resources that working together serves the best interest of all of us. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has worked in partnership with other agencies, organizations, businesses and individuals to accomplish things that would be difficult or impossible for one group alone.

We have witnessed this demonstration of concern by the number of organizations which combined their efforts to bring much of the Mobile-Tensaw Delta area under state management. Through that cooperative effort, the unique and valuable delta habitat will be conserved and used wisely, ensuring that it will remain the beautiful wild treasure that future generations will enjoy.

During the past two years, we have learned the value in asking for, and accepting assistance—whether that involves acquiring a vast acreage of environmentally sensitive land or threading a worm onto a hook for small child's first fishing adventure.

There will be many more activities coming up for which volunteer efforts and opportunities will arise, especially as the STEP OUTSIDE programs flourish and grow. There will be opportunities to share experiences and knowledge, to help our officers and biologists and other employees to carry the conservation message to the public, and to help others come to appreciate the enjoyment of being outdoors. We encourage and welcome your involvement.

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## Elba's Todd Boswell grabs second checkered flag of the season in roadrunner action at SAS races

By Mark Chism

South Alabama Speedway held the 4th Annual Street Stock Madness on Saturday night, August 4, and Scott Spivey led the way in the 75-lap Street Stock Feature.

Starting from the pole, Spivey got the jump on outside pole Derek Deese and never looked back. Brian Martin moved from fourth to second on the first lap, followed by Deese and Jeff Smith. A third of the way through the event, Martin started experiencing engine problems and fell from contention.

Deese took up the battle with Spivey, making several attempts to get under the lead driver. But Spivey was up to the challenge, holding his line, and never bobbing. Spivey led at 75 laps, taking his fourth feature win of the season. Deese settled for second with Jamie Bowers.

Timbo Kendrick, fourth, and Blake Streeterman fifth. In the Super Stock Feature, Jody Henderson through together an engine after exploding his in last week's Midseason

Championship race, and came from the ninth starting spot to take the win. David Ashley took the early lead and led the first 10 laps before Henderson took control of the race. Ashley held on for second followed by Bill Brown, Greg Rayburn, and Ray Hudson.

Timbo Kendrick picked up his first IMCA Modified win in only his second start. Kendrick led flag to flag to take the win over Tom Galbreath. Tommy Lashley was third, Jamie Alter fourth, and Doug Rogers fifth.

Jeff Smith continued his winning ways in Super Street, taking his eighth straight feature win. Edward Berry gave a gallant effort, but finished second after leading the middle portion of the race. Bobby Deese made his first start at SAS, and came home third. Kerry Adkins made his first start of the season and finished fourth. Early leader Harold Hunt finished fifth.

In the Roadrunner Feature, Todd Boswell scored his second win of the year. Boswell held off frequent winner Tim Hudson to take the win. J.R. Andrews was

third, Robert Colvin fourth, and Keith Peacock fifth. This week, South Alabama Speedway has a full schedule of racing with heats and features in all local classes. For more information, contact the speedway at (334) 565-3539 or visit the track's web site at [www.southalabamaspeedway.com/](http://www.southalabamaspeedway.com/).

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12. Chris Kroll  
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## The National Security Group, Inc. presents flags

The pictures to the right represent a recent flag presentation from The National Security Group, Inc. to Elba High School and Elba Elementary School. Each school was presented both a national flag and a state flag. Representing The National Security Group, Inc. for the presentation was Eddie Vaughan, marketing. The top picture shows Vaughan presenting the national flag to Elba High School principal Mike Williams, and the bottom picture shows him presenting the state flag to Elba Elementary School principal Mickey McCollough. The schools will fly both flags throughout the school year.

### GIVE HONOR TO WHOM HONORS DO



Bishop Hirron Williams and Linda Williams

We the family of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at Abundant Life would like to take this time to make known to all men and women that August 17th was declared by the mayor of the City of Elba to be Bishop Mar Hirron Ignatius Williams Day in the City of Elba.

On this day four years ago he was the first African American to be consecrated as a Bishop in full vestment in the State of Alabama....So in tribute to Bishop Hirron Williams:

### In Tribute....Bishop Hirron Williams

And who do men say that you are? Some call you "The bishop," Others relate to you as "The Prophet." And many have even titled you "A Radical Preacher." But who do we say that you are? You are the Bishop and Father of this house, the one the God has uniquely chosen to carry the genetic imprint and change the hearts of **A New Breed**. One who has indelibly imprinted within our spirits and minds kingdom principles, that will forever change the course of our destinies. Your teachings have liberated the captives, Rescued the perishing, Provided an oasis for those in desert place. And renewed solidarity, and singleness of vision among us as a people. Our spirits continually reverberate your precepts and examples that have been so vividly demonstrated within our midst. You've taught us to soar, to excel, To elevate our minds, think the unthinkable...To redefine our borders and challenge every obstacle! The sacrifices of your family, Pastor Linda and your children, are greatly appreciated. They have counted the cost, And yet persist in unselfishly sharing you with the rest of the world. To the Williams' family: **We Thank You!** And to those who are of The Constitution of The New Abundant Life Deliverance Ministries, The commander in Chief, and the Captain of New Abundant Life Ministries, Inc. has announced that we are now moving at warp speed! We are pioneering new frontiers, and navigating a previously uncharted course! With precision we must execute his directives. There is no room for lethargy, slumber or sleep. In rank, file and order, we must assume our places. Embrace the vision, and seize the moment.

From:

The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at New Abundant Life Family

**WE INVITE** you to come and share in the Bishop's 4th annual celebration, Friday and Saturday night, August 17-18 at 7:30 and ending Sunday morning with a Special Minister's Consecration.

**FRIDAY NIGHT SPEAKER** - Pastor Tom Reshard, Rivers of Life Ministries, Thomasville, Georgia

**SATURDAY NIGHT SPEAKER** - Minister Joel Wade, Detroit, Michigan. He will be consecrated Sunday morning.

**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE** - Bishop Hirron Williams and he will also be presiding over the consecration.

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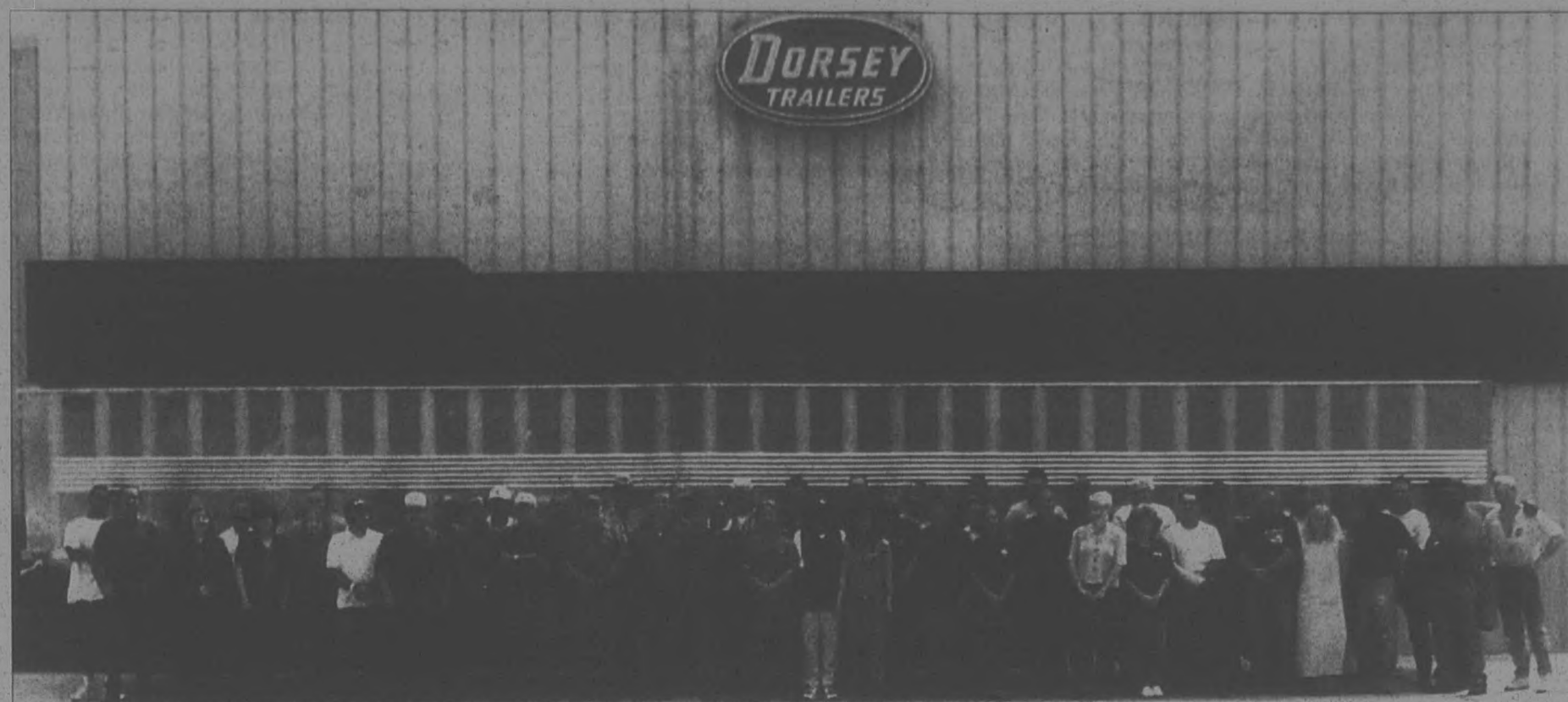
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## AEC plans power work in Elba for Sunday

Alabama Electric Cooperative announces that it will attempt to make necessary repairs to the Caroline Street substation in Elba on Sunday, Aug. 26, from 2-5 p.m.

The work will be done during this time with weather permitting and will affect customers outside the levee area of the city. Citizens in this area should prepare to be without power while the work is underway. Officials also indicate that some areas within the levee could be affected by this work and also be without power.

AEC and City of Elba officials said the work is part of an ongoing process to better serve the needs of the people of Elba. Anyone with questions concerning this planned work event should contact Elba City Hall at 897-2333.



**FIRST TRAILER SHIPPED...**The first trailer shipped from Dorsey Trailers since the company reopened was this "Fruit Hauler" which left Monday for the 2001 Florida Citrus Expo in Ft. Myers, Fla. Sales force members accompanying the trailer to the annual expo are Laura Roan, Director of Sales; Elkin Williamson, Inside Sales; and Rhonda Lyn, Public Relations consultant. This event is sponsored by the University of Florida and is a major event for the Florida fruit industry, showing off modern technology for the fruit growing and harvesting professionals with a slogan of "Progress through Technology."

Dorsey management said this week that a number of these units have already been sold to some of the larger fruit growers and additional orders for this type unit is anticipated. The sales force is also working with a number of other potential customers, including at least two major foreign firms. Pictured with this first product is the start-up workforce at the Elba trailer plant.

## EPD and ABC board seize marijuana plants

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Police Department (EPD) and Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board gathered the evidence Monday afternoon, Aug. 20, in an ongoing marijuana investigation.

Elba Police Chief R.W. Whitworth said the marijuana investigation began after his department received information that the plant was being grown in the Elba area.

He said the culmination of the investigation came Monday afternoon as officers from the EPD and ABC Board gathered approximately 50 marijuana plants which they had discovered.

ABC Board officer Jackie Farmer said the marijuana plants are estimated to be worth about \$2,000 per plant. Therefore, he said the plants confiscated Monday afternoon have an approximate value of \$100,000.

Whitworth said some of the plants seized Monday were estimated to be as tall as 12 feet.

No arrests have been made at this time in connection with the marijuana seizure; however, Whitworth said a joint



Elba Police Officer Robert Fulton and ABC board officer Jackie Farmer with the marijuana plants seized Monday.

investigation continues by the Elba Police Department and Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

## Area Happenings

**COMMISSION MEETING** The Coffee County Commission will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Aug. 27, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room of the County Complex in New Brockton.

**CITY BOE BUDGET HEARINGS** The Elba City Board of Education will hold a public hearing on Monday, Aug. 27, at 12 noon and at the regular board meeting Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the public hearings will be to present the system-wide budget and for public input on the system technology plan and Internet Safety Policy for the Fiscal Year 2002. The meeting will be held at the Elba City Board of Education office at 131 Tiger Drive in Elba, Ala. Budget forms will be available at the board office prior to the meetings.

**COUNTY BOE INTERNET SAFETY MEETING** The Coffee County Board of Education invites the community to a meeting on Monday, Aug. 27, from 6-6:30 p.m. at the Coffee County BOE office, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba, to discuss the Internet Safety Policy for the school system.

**COUNTY BOE BUDGET HEARINGS** The Coffee County Board of Education will hold the first public hearing for the purpose of presenting the system-wide budget for FY2002 on Monday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m. The second public hearing will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30. Both public hearings will be held at the Board of Education office at 440 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba. Parents, teachers and interested citizens may attend these budget hearings. Budget forms will be available at the superintendent's office prior to the hearing. On Aug. 30, the Board will hold a special meeting at 12:15 p.m. to approve the FY2002 Budget.



Dennie Wooten

## New manager named at Elba MarketPlace

The Elba MarketPlace announced Tuesday, Aug. 21, the hiring of Dennie Wooten as manager of the Elba grocery store.

"I am looking forward to serving the people of Elba," said Wooten. "I already know a lot of people here and am looking for

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## Coffee County BOE hires additional personnel

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education held a brief meeting Friday, Aug. 17, to handle a few timely matters including some personnel changes.

In an attempt to better serve the children of the Coffee County School System, the board voted and approved the recommendation of

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram to approve the employment of Vicki Jones as a gifted teacher for the Coffee County Schools effective Monday, Aug. 20.

Other certified personnel changes voted upon and approved by the board during the Friday meeting including the hiring of Pam Vickers as a part-time Spanish teacher at Zion

Chapel High School, the hiring of Angela Jirright as a kindergarten teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary School and the hiring of Kristy Hudson as a third grade teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary School.

The employment of Jirright and Hudson was effective

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## Elba Tigers and ZC Rebels prepare for meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Preparation for the game began even before school ended last year, and Friday night, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m., two local football teams will no longer have to wait and anticipate as they hit the field for a first time ever pre-season football jamboree.

As a football season nears each year, the coaches, players, cheerleaders, band students, fans and anyone else interested in the sport are filled with anticipation and excitement as they await the season opener. It has many times been said that the importance of the first game of the season is to see what the team has to offer and where it needs to improve.

Friday night, The Elba Tigers and Zion Chapel Rebels will get an upper hand on the situation when the two teams meet for the first time ever in a pre-season matchup at Miller Memorial Stadium.

Elba Football Coach Mike Waters said his team will use the game as an opportunity to see where extra work needs to be done and give every player a chance to play and show his talent.

Zion Chapel Football Coach Randy Grant looks at the game in the same manner, and he said he feels the pre-season contest will give his young team a chance to gain some experience before beginning the regular season the following week.

However, when it is all said and done, the final outcome will have no effect on either of the team's regular season, but that does not mean the game is not extremely important to the people of each community.

First and foremost, the game will be a fund raising event for the athletic programs at each school. Therefore, any student involved with any athletic event at Elba and Zion Chapel will benefit from the attendance of Friday night's game.

The admission fee for the game will be \$5 per person and

that money will be split between the two programs at the end of the evening.

Another important part of Friday's game is the return to Miller Memorial Stadium (Foggy Bottom) for Elba fans.

"Foggy Bottom" was home to the Elba Tigers until the end of the 1992 football season. At that time, the sports program moved to Tiger Stadium located on the Elba School System complex.

Friday night will mark the first return appearance to the stadium

that money will be split between the two programs at the end of the evening.

Coach Waters said there is a lot of excitement surrounding the game, and he hopes everyone comes out to enjoy a night of good football between two neighboring teams as they prepare for the upcoming season.



**PREPARING FOR GAME DAY...**The Elba Tigers and Zion Chapel Rebels prepare to meet for the first time ever in a pre-season football jamboree Friday night, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. The game will be played at the legendary Miller Memorial Stadium "Foggy Bottom" in Elba. Already, the anticipation level is extremely high among the players, coaches, students and fans of the two programs. Above, players and coaches from the two school meet on the field to promote the game. Those pictured include: (kneeling, l to r) Zane Tracy, #70 for the Zion Chapel Rebels and Michael Reed, #55 for the Elba Tigers; (standing, l to r) Zion Chapel Rebels Head Football Coach Randy Grant, Josh Canley, #72 for the Zion Chapel Rebels; Gavin Mauldin, #75 for the Elba Tigers; and Elba Tigers Head Football Coach Mike Waters. For a closer look at Friday night's contest, please see the "Sports Section, Page 8."

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